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## THE LITTLE PHILOSOPHIES OF LIFE.

XI .- The Springtime's Lesson.

If a philosophizer is in need of a text he can always find one in the ings of Solomon. "The budding time of the year" appealed to the est man, with its beauty and its hope, as it appeals to all Nature-lovers day. And in his Song he said:

For lot the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is

The yearly miracle of a "new-created world" repeats itself in the der greens of the leafing trees, the fresh beauty of the early blossoms d in all the familiar sights and sounds of the Resurrection of Nature m the death-sleep of winter.

The lesson of the springtime is Life-life renewed, life for labor and love, life as a growth and immortality as a "great hope."

If life be only a game, as some say, it is at least worth playing well. Too many play it very like the whist player who is forever fretting about cards and berating the dealer. The true philosophy is to recognize providence or the fatality of the "cut," play your best, and wait for

So in life. The man who has learned to take things as they come nd to let go as they depart has mastered one of the arts of cheerful ad contented living. The fatality of chasing after happiness and the satulty of clinging to sorrow are often illustrated in the same individual.

'A' good share of the disappointments in life come from trying to Tyskites after the string has broken, or from looking for gold only in the der should have made a number one pot-at the base of the rainbow.

Vision that takes in the far-off and the high-up is a compensation or many lacks, but the gift of seeing what is near and utilizing that which is within reach is more valuable for every-day use.

A great many persons are sighing—or think they are—for the some one else in the road and making casureless opportunities of eternity," who don't know the value of one's dinner off another's leavings." But in hour. The boon of a new chance in the next world is craved most we cannot all afford the personal p often by those who have thrown away their chances in the world that

Wherein does To-Morrow differ from a span of Eternity? Cannot the pious soul begin "glorifying God" without waiting for a golden harp How is his poor neighbor's coalbin or his sewing-woman's flour barrel?

The unreasonableness of human expectations is only equalled by he neglect of human opportunities.

It has always seemed to us that the springtime, with its "fresh start" everything out-of-doors, is a more natural period than the cold and alendared 1st of January for "turning a new leaf." Will not recollecions be as instructive and good resolutions find a more fruitful soil nder the vivifying sun of a glorious May Day?

Memory is a mentor whenever we give it a chance. If we car nake our memories what we would have them, upon honest retrospect, we will go far toward making our characters what they should be. A man cannot tell what may happen to him, but he can say what he will e and do, God helping him, in the events and circumstances that have do with his real life. It is not what comes to us, but how it is met, that tells in the formation of character.

And what is true of character is true of happiness and sorrow and ell the experiences that go to make up the sum of life. We may ou may not be responsible for the condition in which events find us; we are accountable for the state in which they leave us. One of the chief ses of retrospect and reflection, therefore, is to enable us to take our searings and to correct our course wherein it has been wrong.

If we have been puffed up by prosperity it is time to come down. Not everything that succeeds is success. All depends upon the appraiser and the standards.

If we have been rendered morose and bitter by disappointment or oss we should seek a new mood. "If you wish to make your lives as mount of \$30,000,000 yearly. And this amount of \$30,000 yearly. And this during ten years of unexampled industry in the discovery of new disease and disease germs!

If we have not been growing more cheerful, patient, generous and just since the last springtime, there is a reason for it. It may be in the stomach, but it should be sought out and reason for it may be in the stomach, but it should be sought out and reason for it may be in the stomach, but it should be sought out and reason for it may be in the stomach, but it should be sought out and reason for it may be in the stomach, but it should be sought out and reason for it. If we have not been growing more cheerful, patient, generous and oul or it may be in the stomach, but it should be sought out and re- the record. moved. If we have permitted the fret and worry of life to gain the mastery over us it is time for a battle. No man has the moral right to that the "ever-conquering cigarette" has now beaten the pipe and the cigar these hateful little imps.

If we cannot or do not wish to be religious let us at least be philopophical. The men called "pagan," who lived 2,000 years ago, followed better course of life than many are pursuing to-day. They did not make a god of money, nor a taskmaster of business, nor an enemy of bleasure. Uncertain of immortality, they treated their minds and bodies better than many men to-day treat their souls. Finding themselves on Orient. War of Western legislatures fils earth, possessed of noble powers and faculties, they made noble for its suppression assumes a new in terest, in view of its world-wide use. use of them by LIVING TO PURPOSE.

"Practice yourself, for heaven's sake, in little things; and thence proceed to greater," said Epictetus. And again: "First say to yourself panie. Same grade of masculine chiv what you would be; and then do what you have to do."

Can our springtime lesson have a better ending than in the wisdom of this pagan philosopher, born a slave and banished from Rome because ancommon sense was held to be dangerous to the rule of tyranny and Muxury? From the philosophy of little things to the true philosophy of life is but a step.

#### People's Corner. The Letters from Evening World Readers

A Poker Problem. deed people, all gaping up into the air.

I thought from their wrapt attention that nothing slort of a solar eclipse was and A shows a flush. Should he have announced that he was splitting his openers?

A. A. L.

If splitting openers is allowed A was said. All he has to do is protect his

right. All he has to do is protect his It Was \$25,000 Until 1874. the Editor of The Evening World: write to in order to the salary of the President of the Ship "St. Mary's." United States ever been less than

per annum? If so, how many ars ago was it? LEWIS B. BASTMEAD.

New York Curiosity.

A WESTERN WOMAN.

The Schoolship "The St. Mary's."

To the Editor of The Evening World: Please tell me the proper address t write to in order to get on the school-VERNON. Stapleton, S. I. The schoolship left Wednesday on a

t5,000-mile cruise. It will return next onl precedent for all things instances winter to its pier at the foot of East this, from the second chapter of Twenty-fourth street. You can apply Nahum, as fore:clling the there to Commander G. C. Hanus. trolley car: "The charlots sha

### Said on the Side.

S UGGESTED by the approach of "moving day" that the old idea that it cheaper to move than pay rent is less general than it was, with van charges what they are and the "month oft" inducement no longer of-fered. Belief also that the temptations of tiled bathrooms and cabinet trim are less potent to lure tenants to new houses than was the case before flats ern features and improved finish. Tenant who stays where he is now receives a rating with his landlord and a preference in the matter of exemption from increased rantals which compensates him for the less tangible advantages of pulling up stakes and tends to restrain his gypsy-like change

London heiress weds father's aut driver. Invasion by the chauffeur of a field long monopolized by the family coachman is an interesting consequence of automobile evolution.

Newspaper popular vote on favorite musical compositions puts the "Caval-leria" intermezzo first, "Dixie" seventh and the "Last Rose of Summer" fif-teenth. And neither "Hiswatha" nor

"Bedella" in the running!
She was a vegetarian— A con but stubborn thing-The said she'd wear no other than An eighteen carrot ring. -Chicago Tribune.

Not much sympathy for the Sanscrit speaking foreigner who is charged with astrologer of him or an apostle of a new Oriental faith.

"To borrow one's mental fare from free libraries," says Marie Corelli, "is a dirty habit to begin with. It is rather

Average galary of professors in col eges, technical schools and universi ties discovered to be \$2,200. Suggests the existence of more plain living and high thinking than Pastor Wagner gave us credit for. Salary of \$7,000 paid City Magistrates might seem excessive by comparison if it were not for the su perior quality of their side-remarks from the bench on all topics of human

Statement by eminent medical author ity that "the average athlete's artories are older than those of the average healthy man who is not an athlete. Which means that "regular but excess sive exercise of the muscles" hastens the approach of old age by making drafts on the reserve strength and wearing out the system. The more the doctors have to say about rational living the morits secret seems to lie in the common sense adage of the ancients: "Nothing

There was a young man in Tangier Who called to the waiter: "Look hier!

I fust wish to say I don't like the way You are piling the foam on my bier." -Houston Post.

Regarding dectors, a Milwaukee M D. says they are growing poorer be cause of the increased healthfulness o the nation. Average duration of life has lengthened four years within the nast decade, he says, with the result of an annual saving of doctors' bills to the amount of \$30,000,000 yearly. And this

in Germany, after a struggle for supremacy which has gone on for years Something of a David and Goliath con-test if the coffin-nail has ousted the capacious porcelain pipe with which the German smoker is associated. Invasion of India by the American cigarette is said to be complete. Used in the Jap-

Paces of two women cut and their alry there as in other places where crowds gather. Edifying exhibition of it in the Bridge subway station during the afternoon rush hour.

tographer in Mooresville, N. C., sup-tographer in Mooresville, N. C., sup-posed to be a man, is a girl who has contain piquancy. masqueraded in male attire for years. This, if nothing else, would prove and in Genoa that a woman artist, recently deceased there, had successfull masked her sex by the aid of luxuriant side-whiskers. Historical instances of such impersonations are sufficiently nudred people, all gaping up into the air, merous to fill a book. Their existence actor has occasion to envy.

Copy-Reader-In this railway horror two cars collided and telescoped. How shall I put that in one word for a headline!

News Editor-Why not say "collidescoped?'-Cleveland Leader. . . .

Man who comes out of a mach use sane after twelve years' incarceration has established beyond question. has established his mental soundnes

Bible student who tries to find a bibli the Belitor of The Evening World:

I was walking through Nassau atrect and on reaching the Fulton etrect To the Editor of The Evening World:

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Which has the earlier time, New seem like torches, they shall run like the strong to the Editor of The Evening World:

Which has the earlier time, New seem like torches, they shall run like the strong to the Editor of The Evening World:

Which has the earlier time, New seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."





## The Slump in Hymen Preferred.

periodical on the

By Nixola Greeley-Smith

lecline of matri-mony, thus s u m p the generally he slump in Hymen "Some say that

narry, others that

Nixola Grealey Smill diris are spinsters fortable as spinsters upon their broad and athletic shoulders writes that exercise is taking the place I matrimony. A second thinks the servant problem deters people from hastening to the altar. A third fancies that modern extravagance is the de-termining cause. A fourth declares that the reason why people marry less inan they did in the past is because they regard the state of matrimony

serious matter than their forefathers All of these are very excellent and sufficient motives, though Mr. Hichens personally declines to stand for any

with more respect, and think it a more

From personal obesrvation, however, should say that in America at least we regard marriage less seriously than our orefathers did. Our unequalled divorce record proves that.
Our fathers and mothers can remem-

ber the time when to be divorced was to be set apart from one's kind, and Discipery within a week that a pho-

that we view matrimony with less colemnity and that an added seriousess is not therefore the explanation

dess is not therefore the explanation of the alleged modern tendency to balk the marrimonial yoke.

But while a great deal is being said and written and proved about the present marrimonial backwardness, those if us who are in the passive ranks of the buyers of wedding presents are inlined to believe in the ancient dictuminat nothing lies III... figures. For there is times when it seems to us that verybody is getting married.

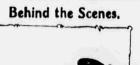
The theory that exercise is taking he piace of matrimony has at least the nerit of novelty to recommend it, hough a cursory examination of police our records would seem to indicate hat the marrimonial bond is no barrier of athletics.

o athletics.

Whatever the true explanation may
be the fact has furnished much occaion for interesting and varied speculation by all sorts of persons.

#### A Good Picture.

A YOUNG man in a neighboring town started in the livery business a few weeks ago, and the ness a few weeks ago, and the first thing he did was to have a sign painted representing himself holding a mule by the bridle. He was particularly proud of this stroke of business enterprise, and asked of his wife:
"Is that not a good likeness of me?"
"Yes." she replied. "It is a perfect picture of you; but who is the fellowhelding the bridles."





Willie-Say, if dat artist feller t'ough he wuz goth' ter draw dis picture wid-out me in it, he wuz mistaken.

## Explained



## Mrs. Nagg and Mr. ... By Roy L. McCardell. . . .

RS. STRY-VER'S niece. from Wilmington, Del., is visiting her. Brother Willie says she is a Delaware peach. Oh, he says the smartest things made right out of his own head. Not that you give him any credit for it,

"Thank goodness Roy L. McCardell. my people are not

"And that's why I say it would be grand if Mrs. Stryver's niece was an helress and eloped with Brother Willie.
"Of course, he is only a boy of twenty-six and too young to think of anything but going to boxing bouts and other innocent pastimes, because I do not want him to exert himself and get want him to exert himself and get

"You don't notice 't because you

Bug—No wonder they call them sweat-shops if they have to lift those heavy things.

gle around when I go to speak to you. What do you think I am, an outcast, that I can't say a word in my own "I will not stand it, Mr. Nage! I have put up with it for years and

stupid! All your family thinks of 's have put up with from your family—books. But there is no such stupidity in my family.

But after the sturs and msuits have put up with from your family—bor Møn' is have put up with from your family—become that I didn't want them coming around me with their deceifful ways, and I shut beffries

#### Weighty Bishop.

# and Others

By Henry Tyrrell.

HY is amateur singing? This query has puzzled many, but that clever cosmopolite, the Vi-Robert d'Humieres, for whose of travel-impressions Rudyard Kipling has written a characteristic preface, advances a novel theory, "I have it!" he exclaims. "It's another case of sport. These people do not sing for sentiment, or to express anything, but only for the delight of a diffining, but only for the delignt of a difficulty overcome, and to exercise them lungs. A note is a thing that you catch, like a ball. The agility of one's gullet, the vigor of one's bronchial tubes, are proof of a sound constitution, for which one is contract to lam refor which one is entitled to claim respect—and the musical composers are there to assist you. It's a physical-culture function. There you are!"

66T TOW about the slump in poetry?" a minor poet asked of Edwin
Markham, as the author of
"The Man with the Hoe" strolled past the Amen Corner in the Fifth Avenue Hotel day before yesterday.

"There isn't any, except in the al-leged minds of magazine editors," responded the ploturesque veteran, "Grain and stocks may slump, but poetry keeps on eternally, in about the same serene gait, like the sun and moon and stars. The difference between Wall street and Olympus is this: In the street the money market booms up and sags down, but men never change for the better-and they couldn't get worse. On high Olympus, poetry and the things of the soul are forever at par, while mere humanity fluctuates and falls into spiritual frenzy, or else lethargy—as at present. There's as much poetry as ever, only it is temporarily out of cir-culation."

PEACE between Japan and Russia is a prospect now declared to be not remote, and even the cruel Thirty Years' War of the National Academy of Design and the Society of American Artists may soon be over. A gigantic art merger is contemplated. It would scoop in all the principal societtes of that ilk now engaged in feuds and venuettas hereabouts, shuffle them up in one pack and deal out perhaps a single grand exhibition, or New York salon, annually. This is an excellent scheme, as far as it goes. Complement it with an Exhibtion of the Rejected to take in about half of the things with which at present both the society and the academy shows are clattered up, and which nobody would be then compeled to see, except at his own riskand the spring months in this metropolis would be unwontedly delightful to the art lover.

K ARL ANDERSON s represented in the current society exhibition by a figure of at king distinction-a blond "Young Iady with Blue Coat," which, as you enter the Van-derbilt Gallery, is one of three that intwo are Alexander's cristal-gazing por-trait of Mrs. Clarence Mackay and Rob-ert Henri's "Spanish Dancer." These latter may be approached and studied to advantage at close range. Mr. Anderson's canvas, on the contrary, happens to be hung at such an altitude and angle that one can scarcely see it at all at a distance of less than twenty feet, so that its fine quality is lost. high all the necessities of life are on at all at a distance of less than twenty account of the trusts.

"Of course you men do not feel the Arthur Hoeber has a rather pleasing oinch of it because all you have to do is and pensive marsh picture skied over to supply the money, but if you had to the entrance to the Central Gallery, in to supply the money, but if you had to go shopping you would soon find out.
"I wish you wouldn't groan and wigand Hoeber are Salmagundi men, and when they melt recently in Twelfth street the landscapist asked, by way of salutation

"Oh, its looking up," replied Ander

have put up with it for years and years! I have never complained! I have never said a word! I am not complaining now!

"Eut after the slurs and insults I bern Mon' is over the heads of the bern Mon' is over the heads of the bern Mon' is over the heads of the slurs and insults."

T HE other afternoon champion Jeffries took a stroll along Fifth avenue, and pulled up in front of engised in lassoing a grizzly bear. "Tiere!" exclaimed Jeff, anthusiastically "there's the real thing, if you want "You don't notice it because you don't care, but when he is out late at night school he always complains of headache the next morning, and is so feverish he drinks pitcher after pitcher of ice water.

"Susan Terwiliger told me that Mr. and Mrs. Cheepskatt each pretended to the other they were marrying money, and the day of the wedding, after the certanony was performed, they tried to borrow was performed, they tried to borrow was performed, they tried to borrow from each other and found neither had any money and there was a terrible row; but they came to the cancillation it was cheaper to, keep married than to get a divorce, because divorces for me in the cellar."

Weighty Bishop.

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Ishop PECK, of the Methodist on the big ranges of Miller and Lux, rudning from New Mexico clean up to Open. The boys roped in one leven-hadelphia Record. While on a tour and stopping at the residence of a presiding from New Mexico clean up to Open. The boys roped in one leven-hadelphia Record. While on a tour and stopping at the residence of a presiding from New Mexico clean up to Open. The boys roped in one leven-hadelphia Record. While on a tour and stopping at the residence of a presiding from New Mexico clean up to Open. The boys roped in one leven-hadelphia Record. While on a tour and stopping at the residence of a presiding from New Mexico clean up to comow. I've seen that myself, out on the big ranges of Miller and Lux, rudning from New Mexico clean up to know it the big ranges of Miller and Lux, rudning from New Mexico clean up to know it the big ranges of Miller and Lux, rudning from New Mexico clean up to know it the big ranges of Miller and Lux, rudning from New Mexico clean up to know it the big ranges of Miller and Lux, rudning from New Mexico clean up to the provide to know. I've seen that myself, out

# The "Fudge" Idiotorial.

Tell the Truth When You Must (Copyrot, 1905, Planet Pub. C.

We like the careless indifference of President Bigetow, of the busted Milwaukee bank, who cannot remember HOW MUCH he owes or where he GOT IT. Plenty of men cannot tell how

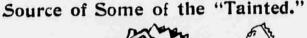
rich they are or how they get it. Mr. Bigelow furnishes VARIETY as well as an example. Hesitancy in owning up Is always REPUGNANT to us. We believe a man should alway tell the TRUTH when there is NOTH-ING ELSE left to do.

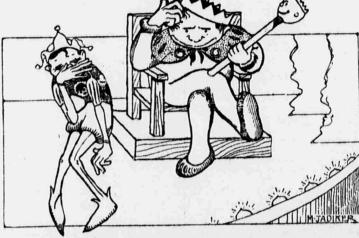
Some men will NOTOWN UP when caught. We have no use for such persons. Fison yawns for them. So far as we are concerned prison can YWN until it becomes sleepy!

This unselfish resient of Pabsttown has set a NEW standard

of morals. He TOOK what he wanted wherever he found it and has neither kept book nor apologized. He will give nothing to the HEATHEN!

We like to take ur wickedness straight! So few people say kind words for defaiters that we feel we are performing a DUTY in penning this SIPLE tribute to a bad man who the become





His Majesty—What makes you think John D. supplies
The dew that comes down from the skies?
Tell me, foo!! For I'm not aware
That he had pipe lines running there.
The Foo!—Nevertheless, it must be frue,
For have I not observed, liege lord,
\*\*Mew-elly-falls the dew!